

RMTA MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Kathryn Nobles at 2:45 P.M. at the home of Martha House. Teachers in attendance were Kathryn Nobles, Amy Neal, Glenda Potts, Martha House, Sandra Yeargan, June Montgomery, Barbara Elliot, Kay Greene, Catherine Seigler, Leigh Roberson, Erin McPherson, Jericho Vasquez, Shelley Reid, and Wade Wright .

The minutes from the May meeting were read by Shelley Reid. Kay Green made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Jerico Vasquez seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read with no changes. The treasurer, Kyla Zollitsch, was not present so the treasurer's report was given by Kathryn Nobles. The balance in the checking account as of July 31, 2016 was \$928.31. The current balance is \$1497.32. Erin McPherson motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Leigh Roberson seconded the motion and the report was approved.

The calendar for the 2017-18 school year was handed out and discussed. Discussion of events was as follows:

-September 9, 2017 - Music Symposium in Alpharetta (8:30-5:30)

Teachers should register by August 15 and the price is \$40 including breakfast and lunch. After August 15 the cost is \$50. Speakers include Diane Hidy, Leila Viss, Liza Stepanova and Jun-Chin Lin. Amy brought registration forms for those interested in going.

-October 29, 2017 - Shorter University Hymn Festival (2:00 p.m.)

Amy Neal explained that students would be required to play 2 pieces that would typically be played in church. Hymns from the hymnal or offertory pieces would be acceptable. The music does not need to be memorized. Hand outs were given to those interested.

-November 2-4, 2017 - GMTA Fall Conference at Berry College

RMTA is responsible for hospitality at the conference. Shorter University students will be stuffing welcome bags for each participant. Piano works donated the bags and other area businesses are donating "goodies" to put in the bags. Amy and Kathryn are calling area restaurants to see if they will offer a discount to participants who show their name badge. RMTA is also responsible for hosting a hospitality suite stocked with snacks throughout the conference. Chips, brownies, muffins, soda, fruit, etc. will be purchased with

RMTA funds. Swift and Finch will provide coffee. A sign-up sheet for making homemade cookies was passed around. The cookies need to be dropped off by Thursday morning at the Berry College music office. In addition, a person is needed at the hospitality table to greet and welcome people. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

-January 27, 2018 - GFMC Junior Festival

This date is one week earlier than originally planned. The deadline for registration has been changed to November 15. Teachers must federate their clubs online at Georgianfmc.org by October 15.

-February 18, 2018 GMTA local audition (2:30 p.m.)

Jerico Vasquez explained that the GATES theory test is required to go to regionals. Students play their audition pieces then take the GATES test immediately after all the auditions are complete. There is also a theory test component that is different from the required GATES test. Sample tests are available online.

-March 11, 2018 Sonata/Sonatina Competition (2:00 p.m.)

It was discussed that pieces should be in Sonata Allegro form.

-May 16, 2018 Spring Luncheon (10:00 A.m.)

No one volunteered to host the luncheon.

All other events and dates were mentioned but no discussion was required. It was also reiterated that non RMTA members can participate in RMTA events if they pay a \$25 teacher fee in addition to any applicable student fees.

Lastly, Leigh Roberson mentioned publicity. She apologized for certain events not being in the Young Romans section last year. She submitted the information but it was never printed. It was decided that the events should be submitted to the Roman Life section in Sunday papers.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.